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Field Crops Report

As of July 14, **Cotton** squaring was virtually complete. **Cotton** setting bolls was reported at 75 percent, compared to 62 percent last year and 55 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 31 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 54 percent not being harvested, 5 percent moderate, and 41 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 20 percent very poor, 50 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 2 percent good. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock Water was reported as short. Soil Moisture was reported as short. Insect Damage was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped vegetables and melons consisting of cantaloupes, carrots, dry onions, honeydews, mixed melons, potatoes, and watermelons. Producers also shipped flame seedless grapes and thompson seedless grapes.

Western Arizona producers shipped grapes and melons. Grape shipments included black beauty seedless, flame seedless, perlette and thompson grapes, while melon shipments included cantaloupe, honeydew, and watermelons last week.

Last week citrus producers in central and western Arizona harvested grapefruit and valencias.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State continued to be well above average. For the week ending July 13, temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Casa Grande, to 9 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 50 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Douglas to 0.36 inches at Canyon De Chelly and Casa Grande.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JULY 7 TO JULY 13, 2002

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	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	9	103	61	0.36	0.77	4.03
Casa Grande	91	2	111	70	0.36	0.83	3.33
Coolidge	90	4	114	71	0.26	0.50	3.94
Douglas	80	4	103	64	0.03	1.36	4.06
Flagstaff	66	7	94	52	0.18	1.19	10.62
Gila Bend	94	3	113	76	0.00	80.0	2.82
Grand Canyon	67	8	97	50	0.00	0.98	7.98
Kingman	82	6	106	69	0.32	0.51	4.85
Parker	94	5	115	79	0.00	0.00	2.61
Payson	75	6	99	60	0.31	1.16	10.22
Phoenix	93	6	112	84	0.00	0.19	2.99
Prescott Airport	73	8	100	61	0.25	1.10	5.74
Safford Ag Center	83	4	108	60	0.05	0.26	3.42
Tucson	87	3	107	72	0.11	0.78	4.12
Willcox	80	5	102	66	0.06	0.92	4.53
Winslow	77	6	102	62	0.00	0.90	2.95
Yuma	93	4	111	79	0.00	0.00	1.14

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.